
From: Waye, Don
To: Hall, Lynda
Sent: 1/23/2015 10:15:40 AM
Subject: RE: Follow-up with NWEA--Nina Bell

Thanks. The ship sailed a week ago to get the FRN out by 1/30. At this rate, it may not get published until mid-Feb, and any media splash will be behind us. But of course, I like the fact that Will and Dennis want to review what Dennis is signing. That's always a healthy attribute to have in political appointees.

But I hope they don't waste time reviewing Christine's version, since it has a lot of wrong language in it. Thanks for your quick review of the new language and for the meet/meets discovery.

I'll let Allison know the plan.

From: Hall, Lynda
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 6:39 PM
To: Waye, Don
Subject: FW: Follow-up with NWEA--Nina Bell
Importance: High

Don,
Wanted to let you know that in light of this just-in email we won't be getting FRN signed this week. Please do not forward. Joelle will let Allison know (you're also welcome to mention it to her).

This probably means FRN doesn't get published until after Jan. 30th but that's not a real problem.

More need for continued patience on this, for all of us.

Sent from my Windows Phone

From: Will Stelle - NOAA Federal
Sent: 1/22/2015 4:23 PM
To: Psyk, Christine; Joelle Gore - NOAA Federal; Hall, Lynda
Cc: McLerran, Dennis; Kim Kratz - NOAA Federal; William Stelle; Joan R Langhans
Subject: Re: Follow-up with NWEA--Nina Bell

The following message is forwarded per Will Stelle's request.

Joan Langhans (for Will Stelle)
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Christine, Lynda, Joelle:

Here are some notes on the "closing the gap" document which the state sent us this morning stemming from our call last night, together with a couple of additional comments from me. Have a look. Dennis and I also spoke about sharing some of our talking points with them early next week so that they can see precisely what we will be saying, since words are quite important in this setting. Finally, I think Dennis and I need to review the draft FR text that Christine sent around yesterday -- if that is the right text -- and see if anything pops up. When we've reviewed it, then perhaps we can have a call internally to go through any remaining little loose ends and tie them up. I would suggest early next week at the latest.

Thoughts or other advice welcome.

WS

On Tue, Jan 20, 2015 at 11:11 AM, Psyk, Christine <Psyk.Christine@epa.gov> wrote:

Pre-Decisional/Deliberative/Not for Public Disclosure

Will, I am sending to you and Dennis two documents: the first titled "Closing the Gap on Forestry Management Measures-v7 1 7 15 clean.docx" is the short summary of the forestry gaps that I understand you and Dennis have shared with the State already. This is the document that has draft milestones (by date certain) language that needs to be filled in. This is the document that, as I understand it, would be an enclosure in the exchange of letters between us and the State in February where the intent and state commitments are memorialized.

The second document is a DRAFT of our actual decision document and is titled "Draft OR CZARA Decision Doc 011415 (3)-cp-clean version.docx". This latter document is the formal decision document that the team is preparing and articulates the basis for our decision. It **should not be shared** with the State as yet because folks are still refining the language and what I am sharing with you is a DRAFT VERSION. PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THIS DOCUMENT AS IT IS NOT YET FINAL!

Please let me know whether you have questions re: above.

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From: Will Stelle - NOAA Federal [<mailto:will.stelle@noaa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 10:56 AM
To: Psyk, Christine; Joelle Gore - NOAA Federal
Cc: McLerran, Dennis; Hall, Lynda; Kim Kratz - NOAA Federal
Subject: Re: Follow-up with NWEA--Nina Bell

Christine or Joelle: Could you forward to me whatever is the current text of the explanation of the decision and findings, and the milestones? I know this all remains in editing stages, but I'd like to have a look at whatever is ripening. Dennis and I have another check in call with the Oregon folks tonight.

Many thanks for whatever is possible.

WS

On Fri, Jan 16, 2015 at 9:59 AM, Psyk, Christine <Psyk.Christine@epa.gov> wrote:
Dennis, do you need anything more from the team for the conversation Tuesday on the milestones?

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From: McLerran, Dennis
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 5:34 PM
To: Psyk, Christine
Cc: Joelle Gore - NOAA Federal; Will Stelle - NOAA Federal; Garbow, Avi; Kopocis, Ken; Hall, Lynda

Subject: Re: Follow-up with NWEA--Nina Bell

Christine and all:

I had a brief chat with Dick today. Oregon is aware of our call with Nina. Ex. 5 - Deliberative
Ex. 5 - Deliberative Dick wants to continue to be the point of contact on this. He wants us to walk through milestones on the call Tuesday.

Dennis

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On Jan 15, 2015, at 2:25 PM, "Psyk, Christine" <Psyk.Christine@epa.gov> wrote:

I think that's right, Joelle.

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From: Joelle Gore - NOAA Federal [<mailto:joelle.gore@noaa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 2:22 PM
To: Psyk, Christine
Cc: McLerran, Dennis; Will Stelle - NOAA Federal; Garbow, Avi; Kopocis, Ken; Hall, Lynda
Subject: Re: Follow-up with NWEA--Nina Bell

Christine,
Great news all around. I can imagine a best case scenario where the agencies, state, and NWEA were all coordinated on communication. We can all say different things.

Feds: Disapprove with Hope for Change
State: Commitment to Change
NWEA: Acknowledging State Commitment and reiterate NWEA Commitment to Influence Change

Can we connect the dots here?

Thanks, J.

On Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 5:08 PM, Psyk, Christine <Psyk.Christine@epa.gov> wrote:
Deliberative/Pre-Decisional/Internal Agency Communication

Dennis, Will and all, I want to let you know that Nina contacted me today. She had follow-up questions subsequent to the conversation she had with you and Will last Monday. First and foremost, she reiterated how thrilled and grateful (her words) she was to get the information from you both. She called me because she had been thinking about the communication posture she will take when we issue our decision. She said she wants to be constructive and supportive. However, she is trying to figure out how to frame her constructiveness. She doesn't want to over play it

and jeopardize her credibility. She asked whether we would be including in our decision documents and communications anything about the understandings that you and Will have come to with the State so that she could rely on that information to make her own positive representations. I told her that we would be spare and general about the future. We would strike a positive tone and foreshadow a hopeful view of future progress but not speak to any specific understandings of what we expect to happen next. She wasn't surprised and said that she expected this answer but wanted to check it out. She says this makes it more challenging for her to figure out how she will communicate about our decision on or around January 30 but that she wants to be constructive and set a positive tone so that the progress we all want can continue.

She also asked whether Dick and Richard were aware of your talking to her about this matter. This is important for her because she wants to know whether in her future dealings with Richard or Dick she should behave as if they know she knows or not. I told her I assumed you had shared this with Richard and Dick but would confirm with you both. I said I'd send her a very cryptic "yes" or "no" based on what I hear from you. So, let me know how I should respond to her.

Finally, she said she was very pleased to see Richard Whitman attending the recent Board of Forestry meeting. It shows real commitment. We then talked about the rulemaking and she filled me in on some of her concerns about the geographic scope of the rulemaking.

She did not mention or ask about penalties. She's focused on the prize—real changes in forestry practices.

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From: McLerran, Dennis
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 1:04 PM
To: Psyk, Christine; Garbow, Avi; Kopocis, Ken; Hall, Lynda
Subject: FW: Call with NWEA

Christine and all:

Will Stelle prepared a short summary of our call with Nina Bell yesterday. I am passing it along. It was a very positive call and bodes well for our continued work with Oregon to improve their forest practices.

[The entire original message is not included.]